

"I said to my children,
'I'm going to work
and do
everything
that I can do
to see that you get
a good
education.
I don't ever want
you to forget
that there are
millions of God's
children who
will not and
cannot get a good
education, and
I don't want you
feeling that
you are better
than they are.
For you will
never be what
you ought to be
until they are
what they
ought to be.'"

"The good neighbor
looks beyond the
external accidents
and discerns
those inner qualities
that make all men
human, and therefore,
brothers."

"Injustice anywhere
is a threat to
justice everywhere.
We are caught in an
inescapable network
of mutuality,
tied in a single garment
of destiny.
Whatever affects
one directly
affects all indirectly."

"While the nature
of this account
causes me to
make frequent use
of the word 'I,'
in every important
part of this story
it should be 'we.'
This is not a drama
with only one actor.
More precisely it is
the chronicle of
50,000 Negroes who
took to heart the
principles of
nonviolence, who
learned to fight
for their rights
with weapons of love,
and who, in the
process, acquired
a new estimate
of their own
human worth."